

a franchise; giving the district power to constitute its own constabulary to protect property owned or controlled by it, and to police observance of the ordinances of regulation adopted by the district; limiting penalties which may be prescribed by the district, and providing for the judicial enforcement of same; fixing certain purposes for which, the conditions under which, and the manner in which, this district may adopt ordinances and enforce the same hereunder.

"(11) Prescribing certain duties to be discharged by the State Board of Water Engineers and the Reclamation Engineer of Texas, but subjecting their powers to the lawful powers of the Federal government to control navigation upon the canal proposed hereby to be procured for the State, but protecting the State against invasion of a water right held under prior grant by it; also providing that if no provision for a procedure, valid within the intent of the Federal and State Constitutions, and practicably applicable for the discharge of the duties by this act imposed on said district, is found within the law, then, that the district by ordinance (to be both constitutional and applicable) may provide for such procedures; also providing that in case any one or more provisions of this act be found invalid, that the same shall not operate to impair the creation and establishment of this district, or any other provisions in this act contained.

"(12) Stating the reasons constituting an emergency, declaring the same, and providing a day upon which this act is to be effective."

Have carefully compared same and find it correctly enrolled.

BOUNDS, Vice-Chairman.

FIFTY-THIRD DAY.

(Monday, May 11, 1931.)

The House met at 9 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Speaker Minor.

The roll was called, and the following members were present:

Adams of Harris.	Baker.
Adams of Jasper.	Barron.
Adamson.	Beck.
Adkins.	Bedford.
Akin.	Bond.
Albritton.	Bounds.
Alsup.	Boyd.

Brice.	Kennedy.
Bryant.	Laird.
Burns of Walker.	Lasseter.
Burns	Lee.
of McCulloch.	Lemens.
Carpenter.	Leonard.
Caven.	Lilley.
Claunch.	McCombs.
Coltrin.	McDougald.
Coombes.	McGill.
Cox of Limestone.	McGregor.
Cunningham.	Magee.
Dale.	Mathis.
Daniel.	Mehl.
Davis.	Metcalfe.
DeWolfe.	Moffett.
Donnell.	Moore.
Dowell.	Morse.
Dunlap.	Munson.
Duvall.	Murphy.
Elliott.	Nicholson.
Farmer.	Olsen.
Farrar.	O'Quinn.
Ferguson.	Patterson.
Finn.	Petsch.
Fisher.	Pope.
Forbes.	Ramsey.
Ford.	Ratliff.
Gilbert.	Ray.
Giles.	Reader.
Goodman.	Rogers.
Graves.	Rountree.
Grogan.	Sanders.
Hanson.	Satterwhite.
Hardy.	Scott.
Harman.	Shelton.
Harrison	Sherrill.
of El Paso.	Smith of Bastrop.
Harrison	Smith of Wood.
of Waller.	Sparkman.
Hatchitt.	Stephens.
Hefley.	Steward.
Herzik.	Strong.
Hill.	Sullivant.
Holder.	Tarwater.
Holland.	Terrell
Holloway.	of Val Verde.
Hoskins.	Towery.
Howsley.	Turner.
Hubbard.	Van Zandt.
Hughes.	Vaughan.
Jackson.	Veatch.
Johnson	Wagstaff.
of Dallam.	Walker.
Johnson	Warwick.
of Dimmit.	West of Coryell.
Johnson of Morris.	West of Cameron.
Jones of Shelby.	Westbrook.
Justiss.	Wyatt.
Kayton.	Young.
Keller.	
	Absent.
Cox of Lamar.	Martin.
Dodd.	Weinert.
Fuchs.	Wiggs.
Long.	

Absent—Excused.

Anderson.	Jones of Atascosa.
Bradley.	Lockhart.
Brooks.	Richardson.
Dwyer.	Savage.
Engelhard.	Stevenson.
Greathouse.	Terrell
Hines.	of Cherokee.

A quorum was announced present.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. John W. Holt, Chaplain.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE
GRANTED.

The following members were granted leaves of absence on account of important business:

Mr. Engelhard for today and tomorrow, on motion of Mr. Moffett.

Mr. Stevenson for today, on motion of Mr. Burns of Walker.

Mr. Hines for today, on motion of Mr. Farrar.

Mr. Dwyer for today and tomorrow, on motion of Mr. Nicholson.

Mr. Anderson for today, tomorrow and Wednesday, on motion of Mr. Nicholson.

Mr. Savage for today, on motion of Mrs. Hughes.

Mr. Kayton for last Saturday, on motion of Mr. Justiss.

Mr. Daniel for today, on motion of Mr. Johnson of Dallam.

Mr. Brooks for last Saturday and today, on motion of Mr. Young.

Mr. Lockhart for today and the balance of the week, on motion of Mr. Olsen.

Mr. Richardson for today, tomorrow and Wednesday, on motion of Mr. Hanson.

Mr. Jones of Atascosa for today, on motion of Mr. Dale.

Mr. Greathouse for today, on motion of Mr. Minor.

The following members were granted leaves of absence on account of illness:

Mr. Bradley for last Friday, Saturday and all of this week, on motion of Mr. Wagstaff.

Mr. Terrell of Cherokee for today and tomorrow, on motion of Mr. Adanson.

RELATIVE TO ERECTING CERTAIN MONUMENT ON THE
CAPITOL GROUNDS.

The Speaker laid before the House, for consideration at this time, Senate

concurrent resolution No. 45, relative to erecting certain monument on the Capitol grounds, the resolution having heretofore been read second time and referred to the Committee on Public Lands and Buildings.

Mr. Johnson of Dimmit offered the following (committee) amendment to the resolution:

Amend Senate concurrent resolution No. 45 by inserting after the word "Texas" in the fourth line the words: "and to none other."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Patterson offered the following amendment to the resolution:

Amend Senate concurrent resolution No. 45 by inserting after the word "monument" in line four of the resolving clause the following: "which shall be constructed of Texas granite."

Mr. Mathis moved the previous question on the pending amendment and the resolution, and the main question was ordered.

Question first recurring on the amendment, it was adopted.

Question then recurring on the resolution, it was adopted.

HOUSE BILL NO. 592 WITH SENATE AMENDMENTS.

Mr. Gilbert called up from the Speaker's table, with Senate amendments, for consideration of the amendments,

H. B. No. 592, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 3883 of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1925, as amended by Acts, 1930, Forty-first Legislature, Fourth Called Session, page 30, Chapter 20; said article relating to fees and compensation of county, district and precinct officers; declaring an emergency, and providing that this act shall become effective from and after its passage."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, and the Senate amendments were read.

On motion of Mr. Gilbert, the House concurred in the Senate amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 259 ON PAS-
SAGE TO THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, as pending business, on its passage to third reading,

S. B. No. 259, A bill to be entitled "An Act making appropriations for the support and maintenance of the

State government for the two-year period beginning September 1, 1931, and ending August 31, 1933, and for other purposes, and prescribing certain regulations and restrictions in respect thereto, and declaring an emergency."

The bill having heretofore been read second time with (committee) amendment by Mr. Sanders, pending.

On motion of Mr. Sanders, the House agreed to consider the amendment department by department.

Mr. McCombs offered the following amendment to the section of the amendment relating to the Adjutant General's Department:

Amend amendment to Senate bill No. 259, page 5, by eliminating lines 39 and 40.

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Sherrill offered the following amendment to this section of the amendment:

Amend substitute to Senate bill No. 259, page 5, by striking out lines 16, 17 and 18 and substitute in lieu thereof the following: "Salaries for officers and men, not exceeding thirty-six (36), including longevity pay, \$70,000 in each column.

The amendment was lost.

Mr. Veatch (by unanimous consent) offered the following amendment to the amendment:

Amend the amendment to Senate bill No. 259 as follows: Reduce all salaries provided for in the bill except those prescribed by statute as follows: "All salaries above \$1500 and less than \$2751, five per cent; all salaries above \$2751, ten per cent."

Mr. Petsch offered the following substitute for the amendment by Mr. Veatch:

Substitute for the amendment to Senate bill No. 259 as follows: Reduce all salaries provided for in the bill except those prescribed by statute as follows: "All salaries above \$1500 and less than \$2751, five per cent; all salaries above \$2751, ten per cent; provided, however, that such reduction shall not apply to the salaries of division engineers, but that such salaries shall remain at \$4200 per year."

(Mr. McGill in the chair.)

Question recurring on the amendment by Mr. Petsch, yeas and nays were demanded.

The amendment was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—10.

Davis.	Morse.
Hill.	Petsch.
Howsley.	Smith of Bastrop.
Lilley.	Steward.
Moffett.	Wagstaff.

Nays—95.

Adams of Harris.	Johnson of Morris.
Adams of Jasper.	Jones of Shelby.
Adamson.	Justiss.
Adkins.	Kayton.
Akin.	Keller.
Albritton.	Kennedy.
Alsup.	Lee.
Baker.	Lemens.
Bedford.	Leonard.
Bond.	McCombs.
Bounds.	McDougald.
Boyd.	McGregor.
Bryant.	Magee.
Burns of Walker.	Mathis.
Burns	Mehl.
of McCulloch.	Metcalfe.
Carpenter.	Moore.
Caven.	Munson.
Claunch.	Murphy.
Coltrin.	Nicholson.
Coombes.	Olsen.
Cox of Limestone.	O'Quinn.
Dale.	Pope.
DeWolfe.	Ratliff.
Donnell.	Ray.
Dunlap.	Reader.
Elliott.	Rountree.
Farmer.	Sanders.
Farrar.	Satterwhite.
Fisher.	Scott.
Forbes.	Shelton.
Ford.	Smith of Wood.
Gilbert.	Sparkman.
Giles.	Stephens.
Goodman.	Strong.
Grogan.	Sullivant.
Hanson.	Tarwater.
Harman.	Terrell
Harrison of Waller.	of Val Verde.
Hatchitt.	Towery.
Hefley.	Van Zandt.
Herzik.	Vaughan.
Holder.	Veatch.
Holland.	Walker.
Hoskins.	Warwick.
Hubbard.	West of Coryell.
Hughes.	West of Cameron.
Jackson.	Young.
Johnson of Dimmit.	

Absent.

Barron.	Dowell.
Beck.	Duvall.
Brice.	Ferguson.
Cox of Lamar.	Finn.
Cunningham.	Fuchs.
Dodd.	Graves.

Hardy.	Patterson.
Harrison	Ramsey.
of El Paso.	Rogers.
Holloway.	Sherrill.
Johnson	Turner.
of Dallam.	Weinert.
Laird.	Westbrook.
Lasseter.	Wiggs.
Long.	Wyatt.
Martin.	

Absent—Excused.

Anderson.	Jones of Atascosa.
Bradley.	Lockhart.
Brooks.	Richardson.
Daniel.	Savage.
Dwyer.	Stevenson.
Engelhard.	Terrell
Greathouse.	of Cherokee.
Hines.	

Reason for Vote.

Reasons for voting against the Petsch amendment: I see no reason why the House should depart from its adopted procedure of considering this bill department by department. The Adjutant General's Department is now under consideration, and not the Highway Department. Some of the salaries should be cut and probably all of them, but it is unfair and unbusinesslike that we should adopt a blanket amendment applying to all salaries alike. Each salary should stand on its own merits and be considered upon that basis.

GILBERT.

(Speaker in the chair.)

Mr. Satterwhite called for a division of the question in the amendment by Mr. Veatch.

Question first recurring on the section of the amendment relative to cutting salaries 5 per cent, yeas and nays were demanded,

The amendment was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—66.

Adams of Jasper.	Dale.
Akin.	Davis.
Albritton.	DeWolfe.
Alsup.	Dowell.
Baker.	Elliott.
Bond.	Farmer.
Bounds.	Finn.
Brice.	Fisher.
Bryant.	Ford.
Burns	Giles.
of McCulloch.	Goodman.
Carpenter.	Graves.
Claunch.	Grogan.
Coombes.	Hanson.
Cox of Limestone.	Hardy.

Harman.	Murphy.
Harrison	Nicholson.
of El Paso.	Olsen.
Hefley.	Petsch.
Herzik.	Pope.
Holloway.	Ratliff.
Howsley.	Rogers.
Jackson.	Scott.
Justiss.	Sherrill.
Keller.	Smith of Bastrop.
Kennedy.	Smith of Wood.
Laird.	Sparkman.
Lee.	Stephens.
Lemens.	Strong.
McDougald.	Tarwater.
Magee.	Vaughan.
Mathis.	Veatch.
Moffett.	Walker.
Munson.	West of Coryell.

Nays—51.

Adams of Harris.	Lilley.
Adamson.	McCombs.
Adkins.	McGill.
Bedford.	McGregor.
Boyd.	Mehl.
Burns of Walker.	Metcalfe.
Caven.	Moore.
Coltrin.	Morse.
Donnell.	O'Quinn.
Dunlap.	Patterson.
Forbes.	Ray.
Gilbert.	Reader.
Harrison	Rountree.
of Waller.	Sanders.
Hatchitt.	Satterwhite.
Hill.	Shelton.
Holder.	Steward.
Holland.	Terrell
Hoskins.	of Val Verde.
Hubbard.	Towery.
Hughes.	Turner.
Johnson	Van Zandt.
of Dimmit.	Wagstaff.
Johnson of Morris.	Warwick.
Jones of Shelby.	West of Cameron.
Kayton.	Wyatt.
Leonard.	Young.

Absent.

Barron.	Johnson of Dallam.
Beck.	Lasseter.
Cox of Lamar.	Long.
Cunningham.	Martin.
Dodd.	Ramsey.
Duvall.	Sullivant.
Farrar.	Weinert.
Ferguson.	Westbrook.
Fuchs.	Wiggs.

Absent—Excused.

Anderson.	Engelhard.
Bradley.	Greathouse.
Brooks.	Hines.
Daniel.	Jones of Atascosa.
Dwyer.	Lockhart.

Richardson.
Savage.
Stevenson.

Terrell
of Cherokee.

Question next recurring on the section of the amendment relative to cutting certain salaries 10 per cent, yeas and nays were demanded.

The amendment was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—79.

Adams of Jasper.	Hefley.
Adamson.	Herzik.
Adkins.	Holloway.
Akin.	Jackson.
Albritton.	Johnson of Morris.
Alsup.	Justiss.
Baker.	Kayton.
Barron.	Keller.
Bedford.	Kennedy.
Bond.	Laird.
Bounds.	Lee.
Brice.	Lemens.
Bryant.	McDougald.
Burns	Magee.
of McCulloch.	Mathis.
Carpenter.	Metcalfe.
Claunch.	Moffett.
Coombes.	Munson.
Cox of Limestone.	Murphy.
Dale.	Nicholson.
Davis.	Olsen.
DeWolfe.	Petsch.
Donnell.	Pope.
Dowell.	Ratliff.
Elliott.	Rogers.
Farmer.	Scott.
Farrar.	Shelton.
Finn.	Sherrill.
Fisher.	Smith of Bastrop.
Ford.	Smith of Wood.
Gilbert.	Sparkman.
Giles.	Stephens.
Goodman.	Strong.
Graves.	Tarwater.
Grogan.	Towery.
Hanson.	Turner.
Hardy.	Vaughan.
Harman.	Veatch.
Harrison	Walker.
of El Paso.	West of Coryell.
Harrison	
of Waller.	

Nays—39.

Adams of Harris.	Hoskins.
Boyd.	Hubbard.
Burns of Walker.	Hughes.
Caven.	Johnson
Coltrin.	of Dallam.
Dunlap.	Johnson
Forbes.	of Dimmit.
Hatchitt.	Jones of Shelby.
Hill.	Leonard.
Holder.	Lilley.
Holland.	McCombs.

McGill.
McGregor.
Mehl.
Moore.
Morse.
O'Quinn.
Ray.
Reader.
Rountree.
Sanders.

Satterwhite.
Steward.
Terrell
of Val Verde.
Van Zandt.
Wagstaff.
Warwick.
West of Cameron.
Wyatt.
Young.

Absent.

Beck.	Long.
Cox of Lamar.	Martin.
Cunningham.	Patterson.
Dodd.	Ramsey.
Duvall.	Sullivant.
Ferguson.	Weinert.
Fuchs.	Westbrook.
Howsley.	Wiggs.
Lasseter.	

Absent—Excused.

Anderson.	Jones of Atascosa.
Bradley.	Lockhart.
Brooks.	Richardson.
Daniel.	Savage.
Dwyer.	Stevenson.
Engelhard.	Terrell
Greathouse.	of Cherokee.
Hines.	

Mr. Veatch moved to reconsider the vote by which the amendment was adopted, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, May 11, 1931.

Hon. Fred H. Minor, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has refused to concur in House amendments to Senate bill No. 375, and requests the appointment of a conference committee. The following have been appointed on the part of the Senate: Messrs. Hardin, Neal, Greer, Thomason and Cunningham.

The Senate has passed House concurrent resolution No. 25, relating to the depletion of soil fertility.

House concurrent resolution No. 56, as amended, granting certain district judges permission to be absent from the State.

Respectfully,
BOB BARKER,
Secretary of the Senate.

AUTHORIZING CERTAIN CORRECTIONS IN HOUSE BILL NO. 355.

Mr. Van Zandt offered the following resolution:

H. C. R. No. 61, Relative to making certain corrections in House bill No. 355:

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the Forty-second Legislature, the Senate concurring, That the Enrolling Clerk of the House be, and is hereby, authorized to change the word "or" in the fourth line from the bottom of page 3 of House bill No. 355 to the word "and."

The resolution was read second time, and was adopted.

HOUSE BILL NO. 453, WITH SENATE AMENDMENTS.

Mr. Reader called up from the Speaker's table, with Senate amendments, for consideration of the amendments,

H. B. No. 453, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Acts of 1927, Fortieth Legislature, First Called Session, page 131, Chapter 42, Section 2, providing for the appointment of three additional members of the State Board of Health; prescribing the qualifications of such additional members; providing the terms of office, fixing their compensation, and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, and the Senate amendments were read.

Mr. Reader moved that the House concur in the Senate amendments.

Mrs. Hughes moved that the House do not concur in the Senate amendments, and that a free conference committee be requested to adjust the differences between the two houses on the bill.

Mr. Reader moved to table the motion by Mrs. Hughes, and the motion to table was lost.

Question then recurring on the motion by Mrs. Hughes, it prevailed.

BILL SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER.

The Speaker signed, in the presence of the House, after giving due notice thereof and its caption had been read, the following enrolled bill:

H. B. No. 812, "An Act repealing Chapter 42, Acts of the First Called Session of the Thirty-seventh Legislature (the same known as the Davidson road law), in so far as the

same applies to Harrison county, and creating a more efficient road system for Harrison county, Texas; creating the office of county engineer, prescribing the method of his appointment, and providing for his oath and bond, prescribing his powers, duties, qualifications, term of office, salary, and the method of his removal, etc., and declaring an emergency."

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON SENATE BILL NO. 311.

Mr. Keller called up for consideration at this time the conference committee report on Senate bill No. 311, which report had heretofore been laid before the House and printed in the Journal:

On motion of Mr. Keller, the report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—102.

Adams of Harris.	Hoskins.
Adams of Jasper.	Howsley.
Adamson.	Hubbard.
Adkins.	Hughes.
Alsup.	Jackson.
Barron.	Johnson
Bedford.	of Dallam.
Bond.	Johnson
Bounds.	of Dimmit.
Boyd.	Johnson of Morris.
Brice.	Jones of Shelby.
Carpenter.	Justiss.
Claunch.	Kayton.
Coltrin.	Keller.
Coombes.	Kennedy.
Cox of Limestone.	Laird.
Cunningham.	Lasseter.
Dale.	Leonard.
Davis.	Lilley.
DeWolfe.	McCombs.
Donnell.	McDougald.
Dowell.	McGill.
Elliott.	McGregor.
Farmer.	Magee.
Finn.	Mehl.
Fisher.	Metcalfe.
Forbes.	Moffett.
Ford.	Moore.
Gilbert.	Morse.
Giles.	Munson.
Goodman.	Murphy.
Graves.	Olsen.
Grogan.	O'Quinn.
Hanson.	Ratliff.
Harman.	Ray.
Harrison	Reader.
of Waller.	Rogers.
Hatchitt.	Rountree.
Hefley.	Satterwhite.
Herzik.	Scott.
Hill.	Shelton.
Holder.	Sherrill.

Smith of Bastrop.	Van Zandt.
Smith of Wood.	Vaughan.
Sparkman.	Veatch.
Stephens.	Wagstaff.
Steward.	Walker.
Strong.	Warwick.
Tarwater.	West of Coryell.
Terrell	West of Cameron.
of Val Verde.	Westbrook.
Towery.	Wyatt.
Turner.	Young.

Nays—9.

Albritton.	Caven.
Baker.	Daniel.
Bryant.	Farrar.
Burns of Walker.	Sanders.
Burns	
of McCulloch.	

Present—Not Voting.

Akin.	Nicholson.
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Absent.

Beck.	Lee.
Cox of Lamar.	Lemens.
Dodd.	Long.
Dunlap.	Martin.
Duvall.	Mathis.
Ferguson.	Patterson.
Fuchs.	Petsch.
Hardy.	Pope.
Harrison	Ramsey.
of El Paso.	Sullivant.
Holland.	Weinert.
Holloway.	Wiggs.

Absent—Excused.

Anderson.	Jones of Atascosa.
Bradley.	Lockhart.
Brooks.	Richardson.
Dwyer.	Savage.
Engelhard.	Stevenson.
Greathouse.	Terrell
Hines.	of Cherokee.

RECESS.

On motion of Mr. Sanders, the House, at 12 o'clock m., took recess to 2 o'clock p. m. today.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The House met at 2 o'clock p. m., and was called to order by the Speaker.

BILLS ORDERED NOT PRINTED.

On motion of Mr. Holder (by unanimous consent), House bill No. 496 and Senate bill No. 74 were ordered not printed.

SENATE BILL NO. 259 ON PASSAGE TO THIRD READING.

The House resumed consideration of pending business, same being Senate bill No. 259, making appropriations for the support of the various State departments, on its passage to third reading.

The bill having heretofore been read second time, with (committee) amendment by Mr. Sanders, pending.

The House having agreed to consider the amendment department by department, and the House having under consideration at this time the section of the amendment relative to the Adjutant General's Department.

Mr. Dale offered the following amendment to this section of the amendment:

Amend committee substitute on page 5, between lines 18 and 19, by inserting the following paragraph:

"No witness fees nor mileage shall be collected from the State by any officer of this department for his attendance upon court as a witness in any criminal prosecution."

Mr. Burns of Walker raised a point of order on further consideration of the amendment on the ground that the amendment is not germane to the bill, and that you cannot amend a general law by an amendment to an appropriation bill.

The Speaker sustained the point of order.

Mr. Justiss offered the following amendment to the amendment:

Amend amendment to Senate bill No. 259, page 5, lines 21 to 24, by "reducing this amount, 10 per cent, a reduction of \$1200, total \$2400."

(Pending consideration of the amendment, Mr. Keller occupied the chair temporarily.)

(Speaker in the chair.)

Question then recurring on the amendment by Mr. Justiss, it was lost.

Mr. Farrar offered the following amendment to this section of the amendment:

Amend amendment to Senate bill No. 259, page 5, line 12, by reducing "\$270,000" in each column to "\$200,000" in each column.

(Mr. McGill in the chair.)

Question recurring on the amendment, yeas and nays were demanded.

The amendment was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—24.

Adkins.	Harman.
Akin.	Hefley.
Albritton.	Hughes.
Baker.	Kennedy.
Bounds.	Nicholson.
Boyd.	Pope.
De Wolfe.	Rogers.
Elliott.	Scott.
Farmer.	Sherrill.
Farrar.	Sparkman.
Fisher.	Vaughan.
Hanson.	Veatch.

Nays—82.

Adams of Harris.	Johnson
Adams of Jasper.	of Dimmit.
Adamson.	Johnson of Morris.
Alsup.	Justiss.
Barron.	Kayton.
Brice.	Keller.
Bryant.	Lemens.
Burns of Walker.	Leonard.
Burns	Lilley.
of McCulloch.	McDougald.
Carpenter.	McGill.
Claunch.	McGregor.
Coombes.	Magee.
Cox of Limestone.	Mehl.
Cunningham.	Moffett.
Dale.	Moore.
Davis.	Munson.
Donnell.	Murphy.
Dowell.	Olsen.
Dunlap.	O'Quinn.
Finn.	Petsch.
Forbes.	Ramsey.
Ford.	Ratliff.
Gilbert.	Ray.
Giles.	Reader.
Goodman.	Rountree.
Graves.	Sanders.
Grogan.	Shelton.
Hardy.	Smith of Wood.
Harrison	Steward.
of El Paso.	Strong.
Harrison	Sullivant.
of Waller.	Terrell
Hatchitt.	of Val Verde.
Herzik.	Towery.
Hill.	Turner.
Holder.	Van Zandt.
Holland.	Wagstaff.
Holloway.	Walker.
Hoskins.	Warwick.
Hubbard.	West of Coryell.
Jackson.	Westbrook.
Johnson	Wyatt.
of Dallam.	Young.

Absent.

Beck.	Bedford.
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Bond.	McCombs.
Caven.	Martin.
Coltrin.	Mathis.
Cox of Lamar.	Metcalfe.
Dodd.	Morse.
Duvall.	Patterson.
Ferguson.	Satterwhite.
Fuchs.	Smith of Bastrop.
Howsley.	Stephens.
Jones of Shelby.	Tarwater.
Laird.	Weinert.
Lasseter.	West of Cameron.
Lee.	Wiggs.
Long.	

Absent—Excused.

Anderson.	Jones of Atascosa.
Bradley.	Lockhart.
Brooks.	Richardson.
Daniel.	Savage.
Dwyer.	Stevenson.
Engelhard.	Terrell
Greathouse.	of Cherokee.
Hines.	

Mr. Dale offered the following amendment to this section of the amendment:

Amend committee substitute on page 5 by inserting between lines 24 and 25 the following: "No part of the amount herein appropriated for traveling expenses shall be used as expenses in traveling to and from court by any officer of this department who collects mileage and witness fees for his attendance on said court."

Mr. Burns of Walker raised a point of order on further consideration of the amendment, on the ground that the amendment is not germane and is unconstitutional.

The Speaker overruled the point of order.

Question recurring on the amendment, it was lost.

Mr. Laird offered the following amendment to the section of the amendment relative to the Department of Agriculture:

Amend amendment to Senate bill No. 259, page 7, by striking out the \$15,000 for each year, line 1.

The amendment was lost.

Mr. Johnson of Morris offered the following amendment to this section of the amendment:

Amend amendment to Senate bill No. 259, page 7, line 35. by changing the figures "\$9000" to "\$12,600."

Mr. Keller moved the previous question on the section of the amendment relative to the Department of Agriculture, and the motion was duly seconded.

Question recurring on the motion for the main question, it was lost.

Question then recurring on the amendment by Mr. Johnson of Morris, it was lost.

Mr. Justiss offered the following amendment to this section of the amendment:

Amend committee amendment to Senate bill No. 259, page 8, line 18, "all traveling expenses 10 per cent, or \$2500 for each year."

The amendment was lost.

Mr. DeWolfe offered the following amendment to the section of the amendment relative to the State Board of Barber Examiners:

Amend substitute for Senate bill No. 259, page 13, by striking out in line 39 of said page "\$10,800" wherever it appears and insert in lieu thereof "\$3000," and by striking out "\$3600" and insert in lieu thereof "\$1000."

Mr. Rogers offered the following substitute for the amendment by Mr. DeWolfe:

Amend committee amendment to Senate bill No. 259 by striking out all of lines 32 to 40, page 13, and all of lines 1 to 28, page 14.

On motion of Mr. Kayton, the substitute amendment was tabled.

(Speaker in the chair.)

Mr. Mehl moved to table the amendment, and the motion to table was lost.

Question then recurring on the amendment by Mr. DeWolfe, it was adopted.

Mr. Farrar offered the following amendment to this section of the amendment:

Amend committee amendment to Senate bill No. 259, page 14, line 13, by striking out the words "and law enforcement," and change the figures "\$9200" in each column to "\$3000" in each column.

Mr. Kayton moved the previous question on the pending amendment and this section of the bill, and the motion was duly seconded.

Question recurring on the motion for the main question, it was lost.

Question recurring on the amendment by Mr. Farrar, it was lost.

Mr. Boyd offered the following amendment to this section of the amendment:

Amend the amendment to Senate bill No. 259, page 14, line 21, by striking out the figures "12,000" for both

years, and insert in lieu thereof the figures "6000" for both years.

The amendment was lost.

Mr. Justiss offered the following amendment to this section of the amendment:

Amend committee amendment to Senate bill No. 259, page 14, line 22, by cutting out all of line 22.

Mr. McCombs offered the following substitute for the amendment by Mr. Justiss:

Amend amendment to Senate bill No. 259, line 22, page 14, by changing "\$2000" to "\$200."

The substitute amendment was adopted.

The amendment as substituted was then adopted.

HOUSE BILL ON FIRST READING.

The following House bill, introduced today (by unanimous consent), was laid before the House, read first time, and referred to the appropriate committee, as follows:

By Mrs. Hughes, Mr. Holder, Mr. McCombs and Mr. Keller:

H. B. No. 1054, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 18, Title 49, by adding a new article to be known as Article 2892a, providing for the compulsory school attendance for the school term of children between the ages of seven and fifteen, inclusive, in counties of a population of not less than 325,000 and not more than 326,000 population, according to the preceding Federal census."

Referred to Committee on Education.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 453 APPOINTED.

The Speaker announced the appointment of the following committee on the part of the House on House bill No. 453:

Messrs. Reader, Finn, McCombs, Mrs. Hughes and Mrs. Moore.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER.

The Speaker signed, in the presence of the House, after giving due notice thereof and their captions had been read severally, the following enrolled bills and resolutions:

H. B. No. 592, "An Act amending Article 3883 of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1925, as amended by Acts, 1930, Forty-first Legislature, Fourth Called Session, page 30, Chapter 20, said article relating to fees and compensation of county, district and precinct officers; declaring an emergency, and providing that this act shall become effective from and after its passage."

H. B. No. 278, "An Act providing for an open season of four days on prairie chicken except in certain counties; providing for a penalty for violation of this act; providing that all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith shall be subject to the terms of this act, and declaring an emergency."

S. C. R. No. 47, Relative to celebrating bicentennial of Washington's birthday.

H. C. R. No. 25, Relative to disposition of cotton seed of the State Prison System.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Texas, May 11, 1931.

Hon. Fred H. Minor, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has concurred in House amendments to Senate bill No. 68 by the following vote: yeas 26, nays 0.

The Senate has passed

H. B. No. 278, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for an open season of four days on prairie chicken except in certain counties; providing for a penalty for violation of this act; providing that all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith shall be subject to the terms of this act, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 312, A bill to be entitled "An Act requiring the commissioners court of all counties and the governing bodies of all cities and towns to advertise for bids on projects respecting public improvements where the contract or agreement involves an expenditure of money in excess of \$1000, and providing for advertisement and notice thereof, providing that the contract shall be let to the lowest bidder and requiring bond; permitting certain exceptions, and providing that contracts made without compliance therewith shall be void, etc., and declaring an emergency," with amendments.

H. B. No. 907, A bill to be entitled "An Act fixing a period of time when it shall be lawful to take and hunt and kill squirrels in Panola county; defining a misdemeanor, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 915, A bill to be entitled "An Act making it unlawful for any person in using a seine or net for the taking of any fish in Cass or Bowie counties to disturb, agitate or beat upon or in the waters at the time of using said seines or nets; fixing a penalty, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 81, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Chapter 17 of the Thirty-ninth Legislature, page 44; also amending Articles 5160, 5161, 5162, 5163 and 5164, Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas for 1925, providing that anyone contracting with the State of Texas, or its counties, or school districts, or other subdivisions or any municipality for the construction of public buildings or the prosecution and completion of any public work, they shall retain at least 50 per cent of the funds that may become due and owing on the contract until final completion of such contract; also providing that laborers, material men and those furnishing equipment shall have a lien, and also providing for security to be furnished by contractors; also providing that accounts for materials and labor shall be filed procedure for the enforcement of claims and liens, time to sue, prorating claims, and declaring an emergency," with amendments.

The Senate grants the request of the House for a conference committee on House bill No. 453. The following have been appointed on the part of the Senate: Messrs. Moore, Hopkins, Woodul, Thomason and Williamson.

The Senate has adopted

H. C. R. No. 61, Instructing the Enrolling Clerk of the House to correct House bill No. 355.

Respectfully,

BOB BARKER,
Secretary of the Senate.

HOUSE BILL NO. 312, WITH SENATE AMENDMENTS.

Mr. Petsch called up from the Speaker's table, with Senate amendments, for consideration of the amendments,

H. B. No. 312, A bill to be entitled "An Act requiring the commissioners court of all counties and the governing bodies of all cities and towns to advertise for bids on projects respecting public improvements where the contract or agreement involves an expenditure of money in excess of \$1000, and providing for advertisement and notice thereof; providing that the contract shall be let to the lowest bidder, and requiring bond; permitting certain exceptions, and providing that contracts made without compliance therewith shall be void, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, and the Senate amendments were read.

On motion of Mr. Petsch, the House concurred in the Senate amendments by the following vote:

Yeas—112.

Adams of Harris.	Goodman.
Adams of Jasper.	Graves.
Adamson.	Grogan.
Adkins.	Hanson.
Akin.	Harrison
Albritton.	of El Paso.
Alsup.	Harrison
Baker.	of Waller.
Beck.	Hefley.
Bedford.	Herzik.
Bond.	Hill.
Bounds.	Holder.
Boyd.	Holland.
Brice.	Holloway.
Bryant.	Hoskins.
Burns.	Howsley.
of McCulloch.	Hubbard.
Carpenter.	Hughes.
Caven.	Jackson.
Claunch.	Johnson
Coltrin.	of Dallam.
Coombes.	Johnson
Cox of Limestone.	of Dimmit.
Cunningham.	Johnson of Morris.
Dale.	Justiss.
Daniel.	Kayton.
Davis.	Keller.
DeWolfe.	Kennedy.
Donnell.	Laird.
Dowell.	Lasseter.
Elliott.	Lee.
Farmer.	Lemens.
Farrar.	Leonard.
Ferguson.	Lilley.
Finn.	McCombs.
Fisher.	McDougald.
Forbes.	McGill.
Ford.	McGregor.
Gilbert.	Magee.
Giles.	Mathis.

Mehl.
Metcalf.
Moffett.
Moore.
Munson.
Murphy.
Nichoison.
Olsen.
Petsch.
Pope.
Ratliff.
Ray.
Reader.
Rogers.
Rountree.
Sanders.
Scott.
Shelton.
Sherrill.

Smith of Wood.
Sparkman.
Stephens.
Steward.
Strong.
Tarwater.
Terrell
of Val Verde.
Towery.
Turner.
Van Zandt.
Vaughan.
Veatch.
Wagstaff.
Walker.
West of Coryell.
Westbrook.
Wyatt.
Young.

Absent.

Barron.	Martin.
Burns of Walker.	Morse.
Cox of Lamar.	O'Quinn.
Dodd.	Patterson.
Dunlap.	Ramsey.
Duvall.	Satterwhite.
Fuchs.	Smith of Bastrop.
Hardy.	Sullivant.
Harman.	Warwick.
Hatchitt.	Weinert.
Jones of Shelby.	West of Cameron.
Long.	Wiggs.

Absent—Excused.

Anderson.	Jones of Atascosa.
Bradley.	Lockhart.
Brooks.	Richardson.
Dwyer.	Savage.
Engelhard.	Stevenson.
Greathouse.	Terrell
Hines.	of Cherokee.

HOUSE BILL NO. 81, WITH SENATE AMENDMENTS.

Mr. Bond called up from the Speaker's table, with Senate amendments, for consideration of the amendments,

H. B. No. 81, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Chapter 17 of the Thirty-ninth Legislature, page 44; also amending Articles 5160, 5161, 5162, 5163 and 5164, Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas for 1925, providing that anyone contracting with the State of Texas, or its counties, or school districts, or other subdivisions or any municipality for the construction of public buildings or the prosecution and completion of any public work, they shall retain at least 50 per cent of the funds that may become due and owing on the contract until final completion of such contract; also providing that labor-

ers, material men and those furnishing equipment shall have a lien, and also providing for security to be furnished by contractors; also providing that accounts for materials and labor shall be filed procedure for the enforcement of claims and liens, time to sue, prorating claims, and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, and the Senate amendments were read.

On motion of Mr. Bond, the House concurred in the Senate amendments by the following vote:

Yeas—106.

Adams of Jasper.	Holder.
Adamson.	Holland.
Adkins.	Holloway.
Akin.	Hoskins.
Albritton.	Howsley.
Alsup.	Hubbard.
Baker.	Johnson of Dallam.
Beck.	Johnson
Bond.	of Dimmit.
Bounds.	Johnson of Morris.
Boyd.	Justiss.
Brice.	Keller.
Bryant.	Kennedy.
Burns of Walker.	Laird.
Burns	Lasseter.
of McCulloch.	Lee.
Carpenter.	Lemens.
Caven.	Lilley.
Claunch.	McCombs.
Coltrin.	McDougald.
Cox of Limestone.	McGill.
Cunningham.	McGregor.
Dale.	Magee.
Daniel.	Mathis.
Davis.	Mehl.
DeWolfe.	Metcalfe.
Donnell.	Moffett.
Dowell.	Moore.
Dunlap.	Munson.
Duvall.	Murphy.
Elliott.	Olsen.
Farmer.	O'Quinn.
Farrar.	Petsch.
Finn.	Pope.
Fisher.	Ratliff.
Forbes.	Ray.
Ford.	Reader.
Gilbert.	Rogers.
Giles.	Rountree.
Goodman.	Sanders.
Graves.	Shelton.
Grogan.	Sherrill.
Hanson.	Smith of Wood.
Hardy.	Sparkman.
Harrison	Stephens.
of Waller.	Steward.
Hefley.	Strong.
Herzik.	Terrell
Hill.	of Val Verde.

Towery.	Walker.
Turner.	Warwick.
Van Zandt.	West of Coryell.
Vaughan.	Westbrook.
Veatch.	Wyatt.
Wagstaff.	Young.

Nays—5.

Adams of Harris.	Harman.
Coombes.	Scott.
Ferguson.	

Present—Not Voting.

Kayton.

Absent.

Barron.	Martin.
Bedford.	Morse.
Cox of Lamar.	Nicholson.
Dodd.	Patterson.
Fuchs.	Ramsey.
Harrison	Satterwhite.
of El Paso.	Smith of Bastrop.
Hatchitt.	Sullivant.
Hughes.	Tarwater.
Jackson.	Weinert.
Jones of Shelby.	West of Cameron.
Leonard.	Wiggs.
Long.	

Absent—Excused.

Anderson.	Jones of Atascosa.
Bradley.	Lockhart.
Brooks.	Richardson.
Dwyer.	Savage.
Engelhard.	Stevenson.
Greathouse.	Terrell
Hines.	of Cherokee.

RECESS.

Mr. Young moved that the House recess to 9 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

Mr. Johnson of Dimmit moved that the House recess to 8 o'clock p. m. today.

Mr. McCombs moved that the House recess to 8:15 o'clock p. m. today.

The motion of Mr. Young prevailed, and the House accordingly, at 6 o'clock p. m., took recess to 9 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

APPENDIX.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS.

The following committees have filed favorable reports on bills, as follows:

Education: Senate bills Nos. 74, 223 and 379, House bill No. 496.

Judiciary: Senate bills Nos. 455 and 499.

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON ENGROSSED BILLS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, May 9, 1931.

Hon. Fred H. Minor, Speaker of the
House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed
Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 261, A bill to be entitled
"An Act imposing an occupation tax
upon wholesalers, as defined herein,
of oleomargarine and other substi-
tutes for butter, as defined herein;
providing the amount of the tax and
the time, method and manner of pay-
ing the same; providing that the same
shall be placed one-fourth to the
credit of the available public school
fund and remainder to general reve-
nue fund, etc., and declaring an emer-
gency,"

Have carefully compared same and
find it correctly engrossed.

JUSTISS, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, May 9, 1931.

Hon. Fred H. Minor, Speaker of the
House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed
Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 520, A bill to be entitled
"An Act providing for the making of
daily reports of the use of State-
owned automobiles and trucks; pre-
scribing rules and regulations and de-
fining certain offenses, and declaring
an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same and
find it correctly engrossed.

JUSTISS, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, May 9, 1931.

Hon. Fred H. Minor, Speaker of the
House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed
Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 349, A bill to be entitled
"An Act fixing the salary of the
county superintendent of public in-
struction in a certain class of coun-
ties classified according to popula-
tion, said salary to be paid in the
same manner and out of the same
funds as provided for county super-
intendents under the laws of this
State, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same and
find it correctly engrossed.

JUSTISS, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, May 9, 1931.

Hon. Fred H. Minor, Speaker of the
House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed
Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 588, A bill to be entitled
"An Act to provide for the invest-
ment of the permanent funds of the
Texas School for the Blind, Texas
School for the Deaf, Austin State
Hospital, State Orphans' Home and
other permanent funds the invest-
ment of which is not otherwise pro-
vided for, and declaring an emer-
gency,"

Have carefully compared same and
find it correctly engrossed.

JUSTISS, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, May 9, 1931.

Hon. Fred H. Minor, Speaker of the
House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed
Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 904, A bill to be entitled
"An Act amending Article 2688, Re-
vised Statutes of Texas, 1925, and
declaring an emergency,"

(Relative to the establishment of
the office of county school superin-
tendent),

Have carefully compared same and
find it correctly engrossed.

JUSTISS, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, May 9, 1931.

Hon. Fred H. Minor, Speaker of the
House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed
Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 1050, A bill to be entitled
"An Act applying to Johnson county,
Texas, making it unlawful to seine,
catch or possess minnows for sale or
commercial purposes and making pos-
session of 200 minnows prima facie
evidence of guilt; making it unlawful
to catch any fish between March 1
and May 1; making it unlawful to
possess any catfish nine inches or
less in length, and requiring catfish
under said length to be liberated;
prescribing penalties, and declaring
an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same and
find it correctly engrossed.

JUSTISS, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, May 9, 1931.

Hon. Fred H. Minor, Speaker of the
House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed
Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 522, A bill to be entitled
"An Act to amend subdivision 19 of
Article 1995, Title 42, Revised Civil
Statutes of Texas, so as to provide
that the venue of suits against a city
or town shall be brought within the
county where such city or town is
situated, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same and
find it correctly engrossed.

JUSTISS, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, May 9, 1931.

Hon. Fred H. Minor, Speaker of the
House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed
Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 763, A bill to be entitled
"An Act to provide that no person
transported by the owner or operator
of a motor vehicle over the highways
of this State as the guest of such
owner or operator, and without pay,
shall have a cause of action for injury
or death in case of accident unless
such accident shall have been intentional
or heedless, or reckless;
providing exceptions, and declaring
an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same and
find it correctly engrossed.

JUSTISS, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, May 9, 1931.

Hon. Fred H. Minor, Speaker of the
House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed
Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 1039, A bill to be entitled
"An Act to amend House bill No. 94
as passed by the Forty-second Legislature,
fixing the salary of the county
superintendent of public instruction
and the county board of school trustees
in each county in Texas having a
population of not less than 18,425
nor more than 18,435, according to
the last preceding Federal census,
and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same and
find it correctly engrossed.

JUSTISS, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, May 9, 1931.

Hon. Fred H. Minor, Speaker of the
House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed
Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 1046, A bill to be entitled
"An Act providing for the employment
of rural school supervisors in
certain counties in lieu of teachers'
institutes; prescribing the duties of
said supervisors; prescribing salaries
to be paid such supervisors; providing
other things incidental to the
purpose of this act, and declaring an
emergency,"

Have carefully compared same and
find it correctly engrossed.

JUSTISS, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, May 9, 1931.

Hon. Fred H. Minor, Speaker of the
House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed
Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 518, A bill to be entitled
"An Act to amend Article 6823 of the
Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925,
and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same and
find it correctly engrossed.

JUSTISS, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, May 9, 1931.

Hon. Fred H. Minor, Speaker of the
House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed
Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 519, A bill to be entitled
"An Act to amend Article 821 of the
Penal Code of the State of Texas of
1925, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same and
find it correctly engrossed.

JUSTISS, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, May 9, 1931.

Hon. Fred H. Minor, Speaker of the
House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed
Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 575, A bill to be entitled
"An Act to require the officials of all
counties, cities and towns, school districts
and all other local units of government
within this State, where
taxes are levied and collected, to
make such reports as may be required

by the county auditor, if there be a county auditor, and if not then to the county clerk, showing the amount of taxes collected, the amount of taxes delinquent, the amount of money on hand to the credit of sinking funds to retire bonded indebtedness, and the amount of outstanding bonded indebtedness, etc., and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same and find it correctly engrossed.

JUSTISS, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, May 9, 1931.

Hon. Fred H. Minor, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 230, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing that all the provisions of the laws of this State applicable to the life, fire, marine, inland, lightning, tornado or casualty insurance companies shall, so far as the same are applicable, govern and apply to all companies transacting any other kind of insurance business in this State so far as they are not in conflict with provisions of law made specially applicable thereto, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same and find it correctly engrossed.

JUSTISS, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, May 9, 1931.

Hon. Fred H. Minor, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 493, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 4371, 4372, 4380, 4381, 4382, 4385, 4390, 4391, 4392 and 4393, and also Article 4388 as amended by Chapter 73, page 230, of the General Laws of the Fifth Called Session of the Forty-first Legislature, and to repeal Article 4387, all of said articles being from Chapter 3 of Title 70, Revised Civil Statutes of 1925, relating to the Department of State Treasurer, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same and find it correctly engrossed.

JUSTISS, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, May 9, 1931.

Hon. Fred H. Minor, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 495, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 4350, 4353, 4354, 4355, 4357, 4358, 4359, 4363 and 4364, Chapter 2, of Title 70, Revised Civil Statutes of 1925, relating to system and methods of the Department of the Comptroller of Public Accounts, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same and find it correctly engrossed.

JUSTISS, Chairman.

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, May 11, 1931.

Hon. Fred H. Minor, Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. C. R. No. 25, Relative to planting of varieties of types of cotton in Texas,

Have carefully compared same and find it correctly enrolled.

BOUNDS, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, May 11, 1931.

Hon. Fred H. Minor, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 278, "An Act providing for an open season of four (4) days on prairie chicken except in certain counties; providing for a penalty for violation of this act; providing that all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith shall be subject to the terms of this act, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same and find it correctly enrolled.

BOUNDS, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, May 11, 1931.

Hon. Fred H. Minor, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 592, "An Act amending

Article 3883 of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1925, as amended by Acts, 1930, Forty-first Legislature, Fourth Called Session, page 30, Chapter 20, said article relating to fees and compensation of county, district and precinct officers; declaring an emergency, and providing that this act shall become effective from and after its passage."

Have carefully compared same and found it correctly enrolled.

BOUNDS, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, May 11, 1931.

Hon. Fred H. Minor, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 812, "An Act repealing Chapter 42, Acts of the First Called Session of the Thirty-seventh Legislature (the same being known as the Davidson road law), in so far as the same applies to Harrison county, Texas, and creating a more efficient road system for Harrison county, Texas; empowering the commissioners court to appoint a county engineer, prescribing his powers, duties, qualifications, term of office, salary, the manner of his removal, and providing for his oath and bond; vesting said county with authority to purchase or hire labor, tools, implements and machinery for road work; providing for the working of county convicts on the county roads and the purchasing of supplies for such convicts, and for the commutation of sentence for faithful and efficient service and good behavior, and for payment of fees to officers; providing that members of the commissioners court shall be ex-officio road commissioners and prescribing their powers and duties as such; prescribing powers of commissioners court in working, laying out, draining and repairing the public roads; providing for the payment of traveling expenses of county judge and county commissioners of seven cents (7c) per mile while traveling on county business relating to the roads or highways of said county; providing for budget of road funds; providing for appointment of persons to work delinquent poll taxpayers and delinquent road taxpayers; providing for width of right of way; providing that county shall not furnish side-crossings except in cases of emergency, and providing that commis-

sioners court and county engineer shall have control over the manner of constructing side-crossings; providing that delinquent poll taxpayers shall be liable to three (3) days' extra road service; providing that all able-bodied male persons between eighteen (18) and fifty (50) years of age shall be liable to road duty and shall pay road tax of three dollars (\$3) each year therefor, and providing for assessment and collection thereof, and providing for compensation of tax collector and tax assessor for their services; making it a misdemeanor to fail or refuse to do road duty after being summoned therefor and providing a penalty; providing for exemptions from road service; providing method of summoning delinquent poll taxpayers and delinquent road taxpayers; providing persons liable to road duty may furnish substitutes; providing for county to carry employers' liability insurance for benefit of employees of road and bridge department of said county; providing manner of purchasing supplies for road and bridge departments; providing for rewarding employees of road and bridge department for extra meritorious service; providing that this act shall be cumulative of all general laws not in conflict herewith, but in case of conflict this act to control, and declaring an emergency."

Have carefully compared same and find it correctly enrolled.

BOUNDS, Vice-Chairman.

FIFTY-THIRD DAY.

(Continued.)

(Tuesday, May 12, 1931.)

The House met at 9 o'clock a. m., and was called to order by Speaker Minor.

SENATE BILL NO. 259 ON PASSAGE TO THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, as pending business, on its passage to third reading.

S. B. No. 259, A bill to be entitled "An Act making appropriations for the support and maintenance of the State government for the two-year period beginning September 1, 1931, and ending August 31, 1933, and for other purposes, and prescribing cer-